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California Natural Resource Agency Seeks Public Comment on Safeguarding California from Climate Change

SACRAMENTO – A series of public meetings will be convened across the state to get input from Californians on how the state should prepare for climate risks. The California Natural Resources Agency in coordination with other state agencies will be drafting the new *Safeguarding California Plan*, an update to the 2009 climate adaptation strategy, and is inviting public input on key issues and approaches that stakeholders feel should be addressed in the update.

In 2009, California released one of the first multi-sector climate adaptation strategies in the country. Since then, our understanding of climate risks has evolved and our strategies for responding to these risks have also evolved – making it an ideal time to update the plan and continue to build a collective vision for preparing for climate risks.

California is already taking aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but no matter how quickly we reduce our climate polluting emissions, impacts will still occur. Many impacts – bigger and more intense wildfires, floods, severe storms, and heat waves – are already occurring and will only become more frequent and more dangerous. There is much we can do to protect against these risks. Taking steps now to respond to climate change will safeguard our health and safety, our communities, our economy, and our future.

The California Natural Resources Agency is planning to release a draft version of the *Safeguarding California Plan* for public review and comment by the end of 2013.

MEETING LOCATIONS

SACRAMENTO

Monday, Sept. 30, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Natural Resources Building
Auditorium (Ground Floor)
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA

LOS ANGELES

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA

TRUCKEE

Friday, Oct. 11, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Town Hall - Council Chambers
10183 Truckee Airport Road
Truckee, CA

KLAMATH

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Yurok Tribal Office
190 Klamath Boulevard
Klamath, CA

MERCED

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
University of California Merced
California Room
5200 North Lake Road
Merced, CA

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